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1. THE ANNUAL CCMS REPORT TO MINISTERS AT THE DECEMBER NATO MINISTERIAL OFFERS AN APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY, IN MY VIEW, FOR A BRIEF BUT FIRM REITERATION OF U.S. SUPPORT FOR THE CCMS PROGRAM. SUCH A STATEMENT FROM THE SECRETARY WOULD BE ALL THE MORE TIMELY CONSIDERING THAT TWO OF THE EARLIEST U.S.-LED CCMS PILOT STUDIES (AIR POLLUTION AND ROAD SAFETY) ARE DUE FOR COMPLETION THIS COMING SPRING, TWO NEW ONES (SOLAR AND GEOTHERMAL ENERGY) HAVE JUST BEEN LAUNCHED, AND TWO OTHERS (HEALTH CARE AND URBAN TRANSPORTATION) ARE IN MID-STREAM. MOREOVER, THE CCMS INTERNATIONAL ROAD SAFETY RESOLUTION, WHICH IS ON THE AGENDA FOR MINISTERIAL ENDORSEMENT (REFTEL), WILL BE OF BASIC IMPORTANCE IN ENSURING THAT THE U.S.-LED CCMS WORK IN THAT PARTICULAR FIELD HAS A LASTING IMPACT.

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2. ALTHOUGH U.S. LEADERSHIP CONTINUES TO BE IMPORTANT TO THE MOMENTUM OF CCMS, I BELIEVE WE SHOULD ALSO RECOGNIZE HOW FAR THIS FOUR-YEAR OLD INITIATIVE BY THE PRESIDENT HAS COME IN SUCCESSFULLY

ENGAGING OTHER NATO COUNTRIES WITH US IN A JOINT APPROACH TO ENVIRONMENTAL AND OTHER PROBLEMS OUTSIDE THE ORIGINAL SCOPE OF THE ALLIANCE. BELGIUM, CANADA, UK AND NOW THE FRG ALL LEAD CCMS PILOT STUDIES OF THEIR OWN. A FRENCH-LED PILOT STUDY HAS JUST BEEN CONCLUDED, AND FRANCE HAS NOW SIGNED ON AS CO-PILOT OF THE NEW U.S.-LED SOLAR ENERGY PILOT STUDY. ITALY AND TURKEY, BOTH CCMS CO-PILOTS IN THE PAST, HAVE AGREED TO CO-PILOT THE NEW GEOTHERMAL ENERGY PILOT STUDY. ITALY HAS JUST TAKEN THE FURTHER STEP OF INVITING CCMS TO HOLD ITS SPRING MEETING IN TURIN, FOLLOWING CANADA'S SIMILAR INITIATIVE LAST SPRING IN INVITING CCMS TO OTTAWA. VIRTUALLY EVERY OTHER ALLIED COUNTRY PARTICIPATES SIGNIFICANTLY IN ONE OR MORE PHASES OF THE CCMS WORK PROGRAM.

3. WE CAN TAKE GREAT SATISFACTION IN THE PROGRESS OF CCMS AND THE ALLIED RESPONSE TO DATE, AND I BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE DO SO AT NATO DURING THE COMING MINISTERIAL.
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